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SUBJECT: UN BUDGET: FIFTH COMITE CONTINUES GENERAL DEBATE

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1. SUMMARY: AT 1701ST MTG OF FIFTH COMITE ON SEPT 29 JAPAN, FRG, AND CUBA MADE GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENTS. COMITE DECIDED TO TAKE UP FOL BUDGET SECTIONS SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH GENERAL DEBATE: 14 (INT. NARCOTICS CONTROL, 16 (OFFICE, UNHCR), 18 (HUMAN RIGHTS), 19 (INT. COURT OF JUSTICE), AND 29 (LEGAL ACTIVITIES).

2. JAPAN - THOUGH THERE ARE IMPROVEMENTS IN PROGRAM BUDGET (PB) PRESENTATION, THERE REMAIN DIFFICULTIES IN POLITICAL, SECURITY, & LEGAL SECTIONS, AND EXTRABUDGETARY INFO IS INADEQUATE. STRESSED NEED FOR ADOPTION OF ZERO-BASE APPROACH IN PROGRAM GROWTH, SAID GREATER DEGREE OF DISCIPLINE IS NEEDED IN UTILIZATION OF SECT RESOURCES, TOTAL BUDGET OF SYG AS REVISED BY ACABQ IS NOT EXCESSIVE; IS CONCERNED ABOUT "GRADE CREEP," BELIEVES SYG COULD MAKE BETTER USE OF EXPERTS & CONSULTANTS;
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RECOMMENDED UN ADOPT UNESCOS SYSTEM OF DEALING WITH SUP-

PLEMENTARY APPROPRIATIONS BY APPROVING THEM IN SECOND YEAR. URGED OTHER GOVTS TO MAKE VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO EASE UN FINANCIAL SITUATION; DID NOT BELIEVE DOUBLING WORKING CAPITAL FUND WOULD SOLVE ITS \$90 MILLION DEFICIT. SUGGESTED C/5 ADOPT SOME RECOMMENDATIONS OF WG ON PROGRAM & BUDGET MACHINERY SUCH AS ALTERNATING CONSIDERATION OF PB AND MEDIUM TERM PLAN BEFORE TACKLING ITS MORE CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES.

3. FED REP OF GERMANY - UN'S EFFORTS AT PB ARE UNIQUE; MAIN DIFFICULTY IS IN INTEGRATING VARYING ACTIVITIES OF WORK INTO COHERENT SET OF OBJECTIVES; BASIC QUESTION IS WHAT PRICE TO PAY FOR INTEGRATED PROGRAM SINCE INTERGOVERNMENTAL DECISIONS ARE INCOMPATIBLE WITH PB AND SOME PROGRAMS MUST BE SCRAPPED. SHARES HESITATIONS OF ACABQ RE JIU RECOMMENDATIONS AND EXCESSIVELY THEORETICAL APPROACH TO PB; HAS RESERVATIONS ABOUT REAL PROGRAM GROWTH FIGURES; THINKS TEMPORARY POSTS SHOULD BE SHOWN SIDE-BY-SIDE WITH ESTABLISHED POSTS; RATES OF INFLATION & CURRENCY EXCHANGE INSTABILITY ENDANGER PB; THINKS SYG SHOULD BE GIVEN SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO CARRY OUR APPROVED PROGRAMS; HOPES ALL MEMBERS WILL COOPERATE IN SOLVING UN FINANCIAL SITUATION. AS FOURTH LARGEST CONTRIBUTOR, FRG HAS KEEN INTEREST THAT UN FUNDS BE PROFITABLY SPENT; AND ITS FOREMOST INTEREST IS TO ENHANCE ORGANIZATION AND ADAPT IT TO REQUIREMENTS OF ITS MEMBERS.

4. CUBA - SATISFIED WITH CHANGES IN PB REFLECTING RATES IN REAL TERMS, AND PLEASED WITH DATA ON GROWTH OF PROGRAMS; SHARES VIEWS OF ACABQ THAT FIGURES DO NOT RELECT REAL PROGRAM GROWTH. IN FULL BUDGETING, NO SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGETS ARE USED TO OVERCOME LOSSES IN PROGRAM DUE TO INFLATION, BUT WG ON CURRENCY INSTABILITY WAS UNABLE OFFER RECOMMENDATIONS. CUBAN DEL CITED ACABQ STATEMENT THAT RATES OF INFLATION & EXCHANGE RATES IN 1976-1977 CONSTITUTE A MERE HYPOTHESIS; SYG & CAABQ SAID ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS MIGHT REACH \$66 - \$100 MILLION; ASKED WHY UN INCLUDED AN UNKNOWN IN BUDGET. HIS DEL OPPOSES FULL BUDGETING AND IS CONTINUING TO STUDY LOSSES DUE TO INFLATION AND CURRENCY INSTABILITY.

5. CHAIRMAN SAID LIST OF SPEAKERS IN GENERAL DEBATE WILL BE CLOSED FRI, OCT 3, AT 6 P.M. BECAUSE FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN UNCLASSIFIED

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RAISED RE PROGRAM BUDGET, HE IS ARRANGING FOR USYG DEBATIN TO APPEAR IN C/5 SEPT 30 AFTER GENERAL DEBATE SPEAKERS TO CLARIFY POINTS. MOYNIHAN

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